

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 7 and 10 through 14 are pending in this application, of which claims 11 through 14 stand withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Claims 7 and 10 have been allowed. The Examiner indicated that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the only remaining issue pivots about the patentability of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 4 therein, claim 4 having been indicated allowable. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

**Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Naito et al.**

In the statement of the rejection, the Examiner asserted that Naito et al. disclose a solid electrolytic capacitor corresponding to that claimed. This rejection is traversed. Indeed, this rejection has been rendered moot by incorporating the limitations of claim 4 into independent claim 1, claim 4 having been indicated allowable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Naito et al. is solicited.

**Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Naito et al.**

This rejection is traversed. Indeed, this rejection has also been rendered moot by incorporating the limitations of claim 4, indicated allowable, into independent claim 1 upon which claims 5 and 6 depend.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Naito et al. is solicited.

Based upon the foregoing, it should be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome, and that all active claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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